

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 856, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act.

House Committees ordered reported seven sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1297-S1369*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1704-1710, S. Con. Res. 79, and S. Res. 191. **Page S1336**

#### Measures Passed:

**Majority Party Committee Appointments:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, making majority party appointments for the Committee on Governmental Affairs for the 105th Congress. **Page S1367**

**ISTEA Authorization:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1298-S1333**

#### Adopted:

By 62 yeas to 32 nays, one responding present (Vote No. 20), Lautenberg Amendment No. 1682 (to Amendment No. 1676), to prohibit the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container, or the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, in the passenger area of a vehicle on a public highway. **Pages S1298-S1306**

Inhofe/Breaux Amendment No. 1687 (to Amendment No. 1676), to ensure that the States have the necessary flexibility to implement the new standards for ozone and particulate matter. **Pages S1322-26, S1329-30**

Reid Amendment No. 1688 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide support for Federal, State, and local efforts to carry out transportation planning for the Tahoe National Forest, the Toiyabe National Forest, the Eldorado National Forest, and the areas owned by States and local governments that sur-

round Lake Tahoe and protect the environment and serve transportation. **Page S1326**

Chafee (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1690 (to Amendment No. 1676), to modify State infrastructure bank matching requirements. **Page S1331**

Chafee (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1691 (to Amendment No. 1676), to include as a goal of the innovative bridge research and construction program the development of new nondestructive bridge evaluation technologies and techniques. **Page S1331**

Baucus (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1692 (to Amendment No. 1676), to refine the criteria of selection for Federal assistance for Trade Corridor and Border Infrastructure, Safety, and Congestion Relief projects. **Page S1332**

Baucus (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 1693 (to Amendment No. 1676), to clarify the planning provisions of the bill. **Page S1332**

Baucus (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1694 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for research into the interactions between information technology and future travel demand. **Page S1332**

#### Pending:

Chafee Amendment No. 1684 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the distribution of additional funds for the Federal-aid highway program. **Pages S1306-22**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, March 5, 1998. **Page S1333**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report concerning national security interests with respect to Bosnia and Herzegovina; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-105).

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Transmitting a report on telecommunications payments to the Government of Cuba from United States persons for the period July 1 through December 31, 1997; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-106).

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Transmitting the report of the notice of the continuation of the Iran emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-107).

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Robert H. Beatty, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2004.

Arthur A. McGiverin, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2000.

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—20)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 5, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1367.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates

for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Commerce, receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary, W. Scott Gould, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Mark Brown, Director, Office of Budget, all of the Department of Commerce.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Under Secretary, and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 11.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies of the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, receiving testimony from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Lance A. Davis, Deputy Director (Technology Transfer and Lab Management), Department of Defense; and David E. Cooper, Associate Director for Defense Acquisition Issues, General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 12.

### MILITARY TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings to examine certain military transformation initiatives, focusing on the Joint Staff's implementation plan (Joint Vision 2010) to promote innovation and change in the Department of Defense, including developing information superiority, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Frank B. Campbell, Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment; Lt. Gen. Douglas D. Buchholz, Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems, Joint Staff; Maj. Gen. George F. Close, Director for Operational Plans and Interoperability; Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC (Ret.), former Commander, United States Atlantic Command; and Gen. Robert W. RisCassi, USA (Ret.), Member, National Defense Panel.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.